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STRICT TRANSFER RULES TO AVOID LEAGUE FARCE

The Philips League will permit bigamy but has banned trigamy and its multiples — as far as transfers are concerned.

Guest players from overseas can appear for only one club and cannot be farmed out from place to place, to build up the "home appeal" of the various teams.

PSL manager John Frank said this week that the League would not allow a "three-ring circus" develop in which clubs come to cosy arrangements with big-name stars, wandering from city to city.

Teams in the Philips League are also restricted to two temporary guest players from overseas at any one time.

However, these players can appear in any number of matches — but not after August 31.

All local and interstate transfers will be also banned after July 31.

"This is to ensure that no club turns the League into a farce towards the end when they might be tempted to bolster their teams to win the title," John Frank said.

The first time this ruling was brought into play happened last week when former Aberdeen and Scotland star Jim Hermiston was scheduled to play for Brisbane Lions, having already appeared for Brisbane City.

However, there seems to be little rush among PSL clubs to sign expensive guest players from overseas.

The few timid attempts have been aborted by the high fees demanded by players in Europe.

Still, the original concept of using "name players" should not be dropped without much thought: especially in Sydney, crowds need a superstar.

Those clubs who have been fortunate enough to secure sizeable sponsorships should use the bulk of their money on such promotions.

In fact, the sponsors should just about insist that the clubs use their resources "spectacularly" instead of merely frittering it away on running expenses.

Even a $2,000 match fee guarantee to a top star could be recouped — whereas today's teams, good or bad, just cannot provide the stimulus needed and yet the sponsorship money will still melt away.

Meanwhile, the five Sydney-based Philips League clubs are on the verge of sorting out the future of their reserve teams.

Former PSL organiser Don Morrison, who is also on the League's Disciplinary Committee, is working out details of the 10-team competition which is likely to be run under the aegis of the NSW Federation.

Some matches will be played as curtain-raisers, others will be staged mid-week.

There is a slim chance that the incorporation of these 10 teams into the NSW competition may bring about a reconciliation between the Philips League and the NSW Federation.

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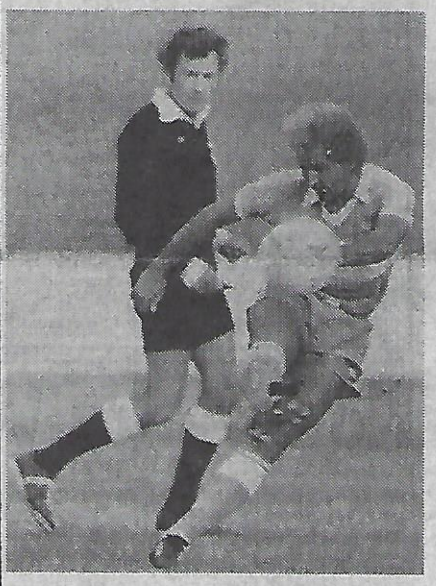

East-Hakoah's international Agenor Muniz bends his leg to bend the ball in the classic Brazilian tradition in last week's thriller against Footscray.

LEAGUE MUST BE "SOLD" TO SYDNEY'S THOUSANDS

Two NSW teams have hit the top of the Philips Leagua table — but Sydney appears to have grave problems with its ability to attract crowds.

In the first round Western Suburbs, in the second Hakoah and St. George have demonstrated that their fine teams lack the support Adelaide, Brisbane and some Melbourne clubs can muster.

Last week's crowds again exceeded 30,000 — but this was largely due to an all-Greek derby in Melbourne and excellent attendances in Adelaide and Brisbane.

Many people feel that the new League is not being properly "sold" to the public; there is no "atmosphere" in Sydney which would prove that an exciting experiment is under way.

While the Sydney Press is devoting ample space to the game, most radio stations grandly ignore the Philips League.

One had hopes that by now Sydney would be flooded with attractive posters, pennants and stickers; this has not happened.

The League organisers should also seriously consider the wisdom of charging $2 for youngsters.

Special family concession tickets could be introduced and student passes issued; women could be admitted free.

Despite its success as a viable competition, the League's future depends largely on its capacity to win back the missing thousands to the terraces.

And these people must be lured back; on their own, they are unlikely to shed their apathy.

The most positive sign of the League so far is that the majority of matches have produced a high standard.

There is little doubt that several Sydney teams will play a leading role in the competition — but the terrible danger is that they will be playing in front of embarrassingly puny crowds.

The very good telecasts, on their own, will not bring about the much needed revival.

Two top NSW coaches quit

The two Sydney State League clubs now on bond after their massive crowd disturbances have both lost their coaches.

Two weeks ago John Cudek resigned from his position at Avala after a confrontation with club officials, and now Croatia's Tony Schwarz has also quit the club which he had built up so well since last year.

According to Tony, interference by the club's committee with regards to team selection was increasing as was lack of discipline amongst the players.

"Then, after the APIA defeat, they told me they were not happy with the team," he said this week.

"So if they were not happy, I was not happy and I offered my resignation and they accepted it," said a down-hearted Tony.

Since last year Tony Schwarz has been building up his "Schwarzkinder" to form a very formidable side, and he still feels that with a few additions and changes Croatia could win the title this year.

But the fact remains that two of the competition's biggest crowd pullers have lost their excellent coaches and if this in turn leads to a downfall in the standard of the teams the blame can be laid at the feet of the committees of both clubs.

— STEPHEN DETTRE

PHILIPS LEAGUE TABLE

	Aggregate							Home							Away						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
1. Western Subs.	2	2	—	—	6	—	4	1	1	—	—	5	—	2	1	1	—	—	1	—	2
2. E.S. Hakoah	2	2	—	—	7	4	4	1	1	—	—	4	3	2	1	1	—	—	3	1	2
3. Adelaide City	2	1	1	—	4	—	3	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	4	—	2
4. Sth. Melbourne	2	1	1	—	3	1	3	1	—	1	—	1	1	1	1	1	—	—	2	—	2
5. St. George	2	1	1	—	3	2	3	1	1	—	—	3	2	2	1	—	1	—	—	—	1
6. West. Adelaide	2	1	—	1	3	2	2	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	3	1	2
7. Canberra	2	1	—	1	2	3	2	1	—	—	1	1	3	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	2
8. Marconi	2	1	—	1	1	4	2	1	—	—	1	—	4	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	2
9. Footscray	2	—	1	1	3	4	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	3	4	—
10. Brisbane Lions	2	—	1	1	—	1	1	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	1
11. Fitzroy	2	—	1	1	2	4	1	1	—	—	1	1	3	—	1	—	1	—	1	1	1
12. Olympic	2	—	1	1	1	3	1	1	—	—	1	—	2	—	1	—	1	—	1	1	1
13. Mooroolbark	2	—	1	1	1	6	1	1	—	1	—	1	1	1	1	—	—	1	—	5	—
14. Brisbane City	2	—	—	2	2	4	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	1	2	3	—

PHILIPS LEAGUE '77

Two truants on parole

Marconi, one of the most ambitious supporters of the Philips League, suffered a traumatic defeat last Sunday.

Manager Rale Rasic probably would not even try to explain this whitewash with the temporary absence of Richards and Hucker; he must feel that the team has deeper, more structural problems.

It's no secret that earlier this year Rasic hoped to strengthen his side with some top strikers in the Abonyi - Kosmina - O'Connor class, but club economies made this impossible.

Of course, no panic buying is likely now and so Rasic will have to rebuild the team's confidence with the talent available.

One of the problems is that talented midfielder Gary Byrne so far this year has been unable to recapture his glorious 1976 form.

Campbell is still enigmatic as ever while young Sharne cannot be relied upon as a regular goal-getter.

Still, it's safe to assume that Marconi will pull themselves together after last week's massive railroading.

If there is one team against whom Rasic is always keen to do well it's St. George and there is no reason to doubt that Marconi can do a great deal better than would be assumed after their debacle of last week.

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Meanwhile, St. George themselves are anywhere but near their top form.

Coach Manfred Schaefer will try to speed up his sluggish midfield and sharpen his sadly blunted attack.

Somehow the team looks unbalanced, lacking a general; perhaps Gnavi will develop for that role.

The Saints' feared strikers are out of form and this applies particularly to young hopeful Mark Jankovics who just cannot regain his confident old dash on the wing.

Paul Coton is certain to return to the team to bolster the defence and most St. George fans count the days until their brilliant favorite, Doug Utjesenovic is fit again.

Despite their truant ways of last week, both Marconi and St. George are capable of excellent displays and this is what we expect from them on Saturday.

MARCONI:	ST. GEORGE:
Alan Maher	Martin Coe
Gary Marsden	Dave McQuire
Stuart Robertson	George Harris
Barry Jones	Paul Coton
Ivo Prskaljo	Brendan Grosse
Les Hucker	Robert O'Shea
Paul Degney	Harry Williams
Ray Richards	John O'Shea
Gary Byrne	Roberto Echeverria
Jim Rooney	Rudolfo Gnavi
Peter Sharne	Luiz Mendez
Stuart Selvage	Nev Morgan
Ernie Campbell	Peter Hensman
Raul Carrizo	Mark Jankovics
Bert Mariani	Phil O'Connor
	Coach:
Coach: Rale Rasic.	Manfred Schaefer.

- **Ray Richards was suspended last week and then dropped for the Adelaide City match for not attending training; whether or not he returns this weekend depends on coach Rale Rasic forgiving his star.**
- **Saints coach Manfred Schaefer feels that his squad is too large and may decide this week to release at least one or two players.**
- **Former St. George club secretary Peter Plon died last week after a long and serious illness.**

Hakoah to please

Brisbane City, after two successive defeats by the odd goal, both against top Sydney opponents, now face their third Harbor City rivals — and the one in sparkling form.

One has the impression that what the Queenslanders need, more than anything else, is faith in their own ability.

Last week they were overawed for a long enough period to lose the match — despite their gallant finish.

Hermiston and the eager Tokesi will be under pressure at the back against the elusive Hakoah strikers while Gaffney and Herdle will have to do a lot of grafting in midfield to contain the Sydney visitors.

But above all, the City strikers, mainly Connors and Johnston, must try to stretch the Hakoah defence with their fast and mazy runs if they are to prevent their team from being overrun.

Coach Ian Kesson, having seen what sort of an opposition he can expect in the League, will surely make the changes necessary to turn this into a fairly evenly balanced and exciting tussle, deserving another bumper crowd.

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Freewheeling their way to six goals in two matches, Easts Hakoah are rapidly acquiring the reputation of winning their games in the second half.

In their first two matches it took them a long time to settle into their smooth groove and clinch the points with whirlwind finishes.

Barnes, while proving his versatility, is uncomfortable in that position and probably counts the days before he can return to his more familiar milieu of midfield or attack.

Luckily for Hakoah, Muniz is operating once again at the peak of his form but Lutton still mixes great displays with inexplicable slumps.

In midfield Stevenson looks burly, at times even clumsy — but gets through a great amount of work and even finds time to threaten the goal.

Smith can manipulate his wing strikers extremely well provided the ball is played to him and he is not required to give long, futile chases against physically more superior defenders.

Hakoah are sure to put on yet another entertaining, possibly brilliant show in Brisbane and could very well return to Sydney with both points.

- **John Coyne's Brisbane City's new strikers chief claim to fame lies in the fact he played alongside Pele for New York Cosmos on an eight-country world tour in 1975.**
- **John Robertson, the brilliant Hakoah stopper expects to play again in two weeks, following his serious cheekbone fracture.**

BRISBANE CITY:	HAKOAH:
Osvaldo Borzi	Todd Clarke
Kim Wishart,	Alan Farley
Ian Rathmell	Kevin Mullen
Peter Nielsen	Steve O'Connor
Jim Hermiston	Alec Robertson
Karl Herdle	Henry Mowbray
Barry O'Toole	Alan Kershaw
Peter Tokesi	Agenor Muniz
Larry Gaffney	Bertie Lutton
Brian Kibbey	Louis De Melo
Ian Johnston	Hilton Silva
Kevin Caldwell	Murray Barnes
Willie Connors	Joe Watson
John Coyne	Terry Smith
	Coach:
Coach: Ian Kesson.	Gerry Chaldi.

No love for Wests

What only very few Western Suburbs fans had secretly hoped for has happened after two rounds: their tremendously fit, balanced and ambitious side is in the lead.

This team, bursting with talent, deserves 10 times the support it gets from the apathetic citizens of Drummoyne, Five Dock and neighbouring areas; one wonders if even a Bayern Munchen would yank them out of their stupor.

Of course, Wests must also do some leg-work in their district convincing the potential supporters that this team, at last, is well worthy of a large camp following.

Their rock-like defence, which has yet to concede a single goal, is undoubtedly the best in Australia.

In fact, not many teams will penetrate Wilson's "Iron Curtain" in which his co-defenders are all in international class.

A team that can omit a Stone, then an Ainslie, a Berry or Lowry is indeed overflowing with talent.

One department where Wests could do with more consistency is the attack where only two recognised spearheads operate, Norris and Eaton.

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Brisbane Lions, after their shock defeat at home last week against Canberra, may make some positional changes in the team.

Although their defence is solid, having conceded only one goal in two matches, the strikers are pretty aenemic, having failed to score a single goal so far.

Coach Les Scheinflug is acutely aware of his attacking problems and may use strikers who are suited for the break-away type of game against Western Suburbs.

This is, really, the Lions' main chance, against the might of the League leaders.

Ian Park, the latest New Zealand capture, should be a steadying influence on the team especially once he settles in Brisbane and can eliminate the long trans Tasman flights for matches

His former New Zealand team-mates Dendo and Drinkwater will also add weight to the team which, apart from Bennett, has no immediate star material.

Lions will do extremely well if they can make a close match of this; a draw would be a sensational result and no doubt would please Scheinflug leading the Queenslanders against his former Sydney club.

WESTERN SUBS.:	BRISBANE LIONS:
Terry Eaton	Roddy Mackenzie
Col Curran	Phil Dendo
Steve Perry	Alan Nevin
Bob Noble	George Potter
Peter Wilson	Col Bennett
Ken Lindsay	Leon Wilson
Bob Fryer	Alan Venables
Mike Berry	Iain Fagan
Graham Norris	Ian Lawrie
Clive Eaton	Ron Harland
Pat Lowry	Paul Laszlo
Alan Ainslie	Geoff Morris
Dave Harding	Alan Hughes
Peter Stone	John Neale.
	Roy Drinkwater
	Gerry Walker
	Ian Park
Coach:	Coach:
Mike Laing.	Les Scheinflug.

- **Ian Park, the new Brisbane Lions star, flew specially from New Zealand for last week's game, then had to return home to settle his business affairs. He will return to Brisbane this week for good.**
- **Scottish international winger Willie Henderson will not arrive to join Brisbane Lions before the end of June. His contract with a Hong Kong club does not expire until then.**

Fitzroy, if using skill

Fitzroy, after a disappointing start in the League, have a chance to make amends provided they decline to "mix it" with the physically powerful Mooroolbark.

They have the skill and the players to contain their opponents, as they showed last week against arch-rivals South Melbourne.

Buljevic has not yet settled in his new team; neither does he get sufficient support to shine.

Fitzroy look great on paper but their heavy outlay on players has not so far produced a side which compares favorably with their non-star line-up which won the State League title in 1975.

However, they have talented players in their side which still appears to lack pace in some departments. Their midfield is especially not so hot.

Despite its shortcomings, Fitzroy United may come out on top here in this Saturday match.

If they don't, then surely the hatchet must fall on at least a few players.

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Archie Campbell, Mooroolbark's amiable and knowledgeable coach, has a hellish lot of work ahead of him to build his team up to the required standard.

At present, he has a rather ordinary outfit with only a handful of players above the average.

Perhaps the newly arrived Scottish striker Gordon McGregor, on loan from St. George, will be able to make up for Rigby's departure; maybe Tront or Pongho will develop as the new spiritual leaders of this modestly endowed team.

Without great stars at his disposal, Campbell's only course of action is to improve the team's fitness and sharpen its fighting spirit.

Clarey, on his day, can be quite a handful for opposing defences and his partnership with McGregor and the young South African winger Paul Ontong offers hope for the Barkers.

Obviously their best chances of snatching points, at least in the initial stages of the League, will be in Melbourne matches, as in this case where Middle Park should hold no terror for them.

- **Ulysses Kokkinos, the "Greek superstar," joined Fitzroy from Juventus for a modest $3,000 — generously paid by committee member George Ioannidis, a real estate operator.**
- **Fitzroy signed Kerry Hogg, the ex-Mooroolbark goalie who was with Frankstown more recently.**
- **Mooroolbark's recent recruit, 20-year-old striker Gordon McGregor who had three seasons with Scottish League club St. Johnstone, had two international caps for Scotland at youth level.**

FITZROY:	MOOROOLBARK:
Peter Blasby	Lou Ivanoff
Jim Tansey	Paul Wilding
Pat Bannon	Ian Williamson
Nick Rakovalis	Brian Thom
Jim O'Reilly	Alan Pongho
Bobby Provan	Mike Sinclair
Andrew Bouzikas	Peter Vaughan
Ken Taylor	Joe Tront
Vince Bannon	David Ellis
Gary Cole	Paul Ontong
George Gillan	Geoff Ontong
Branko Buljevic	Max Irvin
Rod McKenzie	Derek Bailey
Mike Glykokalamos	Mike Clarey
Alex Nelson	Gordon McGregor
Jim McMorran	
	Coach:
Coach:	Archie Campbell.
Jim Adam.	

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Olympic need victory

Olympic must be getting desperate for a win, after two disappointing results so far.

Meeting yet another Greek-backed team, this time on Sunday, Olympic's drawing power in the PSL will also be put to the test.

But more importantly, their recently assembled team will have a chance to prove that the initial two mishaps were mere teething problems.

There is little doubt now that Olympic's major headache is to find reliable scorers.

Botham may fit the bill on occasions, but the other strikers so far have failed to make anybody too excited.

Perhaps things will improve for Olympic once the highly talented Senkalski begins to formulate the team's style more forcefully.

An excellent prompter and ball player, Senkalski is capable of setting up the moves; what remains is for somebody to finish them.

In Gibson Olympic have obviously found a solid and intelligent central defender with a flair for moving up and once he has more faith in his defensive colleagues, these forays should also add more momentum to the side's power.

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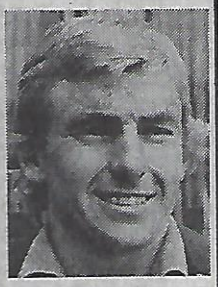
The superbly fit and battle-ready West Adelaide will fully test Sydney's ailing Olympic.

Mobile and highly competitive, West Adelaide should be full of confidence facing their Sydney sister club.

Wests have a settled side which will improve with each game. Once Kosmina, Honeyman and the little McGregor work out some sort of a partnership, they will be a formidable trio for any defence.



JOHN KOSMINA

Coach Mike Johnson is patiently preparing his team for the coming weeks, totally certain that they will do justice to their large following.

With so many experienced players, West Adelaide should not find it too hard to "live" in the more rarefied atmosphere of the Philips League.

If the West Adelaide defence can stand its ground, Kosmina & Co. will try to do the rest with their lightning fast breaks.

OLYMPIC:	WEST ADELAIDE:
Gary Meier	Martyn Crook
Paul Luckett	Sam Service
Greg Lynch	Barry Reynolds
Bernie Cullerton	Lacki Vagianos
George Gibson	David Jones
Bill Palmer	Phil Branson
Joe Senkalski	Steve Amos
Greg Allan	Gordon McCulloch
Mike Cross	Neil McGachey
Chris Thamnidis	David Pillans
Don Allan	Ted De Lyster
Ray Botham	Ian McGregor
Neil Malone	Graham Honeyman
Brian Parker	John Kosmina
	Allan Bourke
	Nick Pantelis
Coach: Bruce Stowell.	Coach: Mike Johnson

Swinging Adel. City

Adelaide City have taken the Philips League with storm; their 4-0 win in Sydney last week stunned the smug Harbor City experts.

What is even more pleasing is that, in the process, Adelaide City plays a delightful and modern game with the players running off the ball, creating openings and using the wings.

Adelaide City's team offers impressive reading: Romanowicz, Lister, Perin, Matic, Nyskohus and Marocchi represent the elite of the City of Churches.

Crafty coach Edmund Kreft and his club have been eminently successful in strengthening the team in the weak spots, buying the right sort of players and creating an equilibrium between young and experienced players.

With Perin organising the midfield and Lister the defence, John Nyskohus is certain to keep improving further and become Adelaide City's main match-winner.

Once Marocchi develops a partnership with Nyskohus, this young, talented duo will be a menacing combination.

The admirable support of both Adelaide teams seems more than justified and there is no doubt thousands will flock to Olympic Sportsfield to see their darlings who humiliated Marconi last week.

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Against this formidable opposition, Canberra City will have to perform near miracles to avoid defeat.

But that's almost what they did last week in Brisbane; after the match coach John Warren suggested that a "monument should be erected" to his three teenagers who fought so heroically.

Langone and Brown, both injured, will be out of Canberra's team but hopefully Gruicic and John Stoddart will be able to return after their suspensions.

With Brian Stoddart rapidly becoming one of the stars of the League, Canberra City's striking power should improve.

With Mal Haynes now available for the season on loan, the defence will be also much tighter.

Still, the cards are stacked against Canberra facing one of the form teams of the League.

- **Malcolm Haynes, the former Sutherland 'keeper who couldn't settle in Adelaide, has signed for Canberra City and played a blinder in his debut.**
- **Adelaide City's big capture is Glasgow Celtic's Scottish international striker John "Dixie" Deans, 27, due here in about four weeks.**
- **Adelaide City came and conquered Sydney last week without their coach Edmund Kreft who was bedridden with a back injury sustained in training.**

ADELAIDE CITY:	CANBERRA CITY:
Roger Romanowicz	Mal Haynes
Peter Marshall	David Lindenmayer
Phil Russo	Danny Moulis
Fred Yung	Tony Henderson
Sergio Melta	Nick Boskov
Frank Lister	Luis Sagado
John Perin	John Taylor
Zoran Matic	Ivan Gruicic
Ian Di Bartolo	Mike Black
David Leane	Greg Willet
Brian Northcote	Brian Stoddart
Ian Bendall	John Stoddart
Ron Fraser	Keni Kawaleva
Johnny Nyskohus	Miguel Arispon
Gary Marocchi	Steve Hogg
	Vic Fernandez
Coach: Edmund Kreft.	Coach: John Warren.

Old rivals, new names

What do you say about a team whose "solid" defence concedes four goals and whose "suspect" strikers hammer home three?

Footscray proved in Sydney last week that they have a potentially brilliant team, playing attractive, intelligent football.

With Rujevic and Milne grabbing hold of the midfield, young Ilioski will have more time to show his grafting ability.

Micic, this great veteran, should still be able to command a place in the team — but surely not as central striker where neither he nor Piciaone appear to be the solution.

In Mendo Ristovski, Footscray have a brilliant, speedy and courageous winger ideally suited for the counter-attacking style of the team.

With more confidence in his own ability, the other striker, Palinkas could be a great partner to Ristovski.

The team's defence — at present lying in ruins, but being predictably rebuilt — would benefit greatly if Kondarios would become a bit calmer and Parrott would concentrate less on his antics.

Kriaris, going forward, will always spell danger and Kazi is a reliable, orthodox defender.

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South Melbourne, who so often had the upper hand in these clashes when the teams figured under their old names of JUST and Hellas, will certainly strive for yet another victory in order to stay near the top of the table.

Their team, rich in talent, stands any comparison with all rivals.

With fullback Hagegmaniol in great form and Ollerton as the effective leader of the attack, South Melbourne will probably rely on their pace to unhinge their more sophisticated opponents.

Once Duncan Cummings and Graham French begin to fire, the South Melbourne attack will gain almost irresistible momentum.

Billy Rogers, a potential midfield dynamo, could play a vital role in this match, shadowing the Footscray grafter, Ilioski.

Melbourne experts tip South to gain the verdict in a close game — but those Sydney fans who have seen both teams in action in the last fortnight are inclined to lean towards the more polished Footscray — provided they can stand the predictable pressure.

- **Footscray are disappointed that their three new Yugoslav recruits are still not here; visa problems delay their departure from Belgrade.**
- **Jim Armstrong, after six seasons with Hellas (South Melbourne), last week transferred to Juventus, following his former captain Steve Walker.**

FOOTSCRAY:	STH. MELBOURNE:
Dennis Boland	Jim Reilly
Andrew Kazi	John Kennedy
Allan Parrott	John Daperis
Jim Milne	Mike Pye
Jim Kondarios	Graham French
Jim Kriaris	Giovanni Batticciotto
Josip Piciaone	Kris Kalafatidis,
Frank Micic	Anton Dosen
Mirko Rujevic	Billy Rogers
Slobodan Zoraja	Duncan Cummings
Mendo Ristovski	Jim Mackay
Stratos Adamgikis	Peter Ollerton
Zoran Iloski	Ian Gibson
	Jim Alexiou
	Arthur Xanthopoulos
	M. Hagegmaniol
	Noel Mitten
Coach: Cedo Cirkovic.	Coach: Manny Poulakakos.

CAUTIONS

Boskov (Canberra)	1
Langone (Canb.)	1
Honeyman (W. Adel.)	1
McCulloch (W. Adel.)	1
Cross (Olympic)	1
French (Sth. Melb.)	1
Micic (Footscray)	1
Gnavi (St. George)	1
P. Bannon (Fitzroy)	1
Irwin (Mooroolbark)	1
Priestley (Mooroolbark)	1
Herdle (Br. City)	
Mullen (Hakoah)	1
Henderson (Canberra)	1
Campbell (Marconi)	1
Jones (Marconi)	1
Daperis (Sth. Melbourne)	1
Fryer (West. Suburbs)	1
Norris (West. Subs.)	1
Amos (W. Adelaide)	1

Sent off:
Gruicic (Canberra)
J. Stoddart (Canberra)

SCORERS

Harding (West. Subs.)	2
Ollerton (Sth. Melb.)	2
Lutton (Hakoah)	2
Smith (Hakoah)	2
Norris (W. Suburbs)	2
Ristovski (Footscray)	2
Nyskohus (Adel. City)	2

TEAM OF WEEK

Haynes (Canberra)
Curran (Western Suburbs)
Potter (Lions)
Lister (Adelaide City)
Henderson (Canberra)
Milne (Footscray)
Muniz (Hakoah)
Perin (Adelaide City)
Reilly (Fitzroy)
Nyskohus (Adelaide City)
Ristovski (Footscray)

- **Sydney Olympic's Argentinian Hector Martinez, now fully fit again after a stubborn injury, is ready to play and is hoping to find himself a new club; Olympic may release him for a nominal sum or gratis.**
- **Adelaide fans please note: West Adelaide will play all its home matches at Hindmarsh, Adelaide City at Olympic Sportsfield and both kick-off at 2.30 p.m., not 3 p.m. as in the Eastern States.**
- **Soccer World correspondent Allan Crisp will start a weekly radio talk-back program on radio 5 DN, at 11.05 a.m. every Saturday; his studio phone, if you want to talk soccer to an expert, is 267-1486.**

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	Adel. City	Brisb. City	Brisb. Lions	Canberra	E.S. Hakoah	Fitzroy	Footscray	Marconi	Mooroolbk.	St. George	Sth. Melb.	Syd. Olympic	West. Adel.	West. Subs.
Adelaide City	●		0-0											
Brisbane City		●						0-1						
Brisbane Lions			●	0-1										
Canberra				●									1-3	
E.S. Hakoah					●		4-3							
Fitzroy					1-3	●								
Footscray							●			0-0				
Marconi	0-4							●						
Mooroolbark									●			1-1		
St. George	3-2									●				
Sth. Melbourne						1-1					●			
Sydney Olympic											0-2	●		
West Adelaide													●	0-1
Western Suburbs									5-0					●

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SCOTTISH COP HAS ALL BRISBANE AT HIS FEET

— *From ALAN FOUCHE* —

Three Brisbane Clubs want Scottish defender Jim Hermiston — but it looks as if one will miss out.

Hermiston, 28, is the best player to come to Australia in years, according to Brisbane City coach Ian Kesson — and he's playing in the Brisbane Second Division.

Hermiston took Brisbane by storm when he made a first round PSL guest appearance for Brisbane City against Marconi, two days after playing in the opening round of Brisbane Second Division fixtures.

His faultless display as a central defender stamped him the most exciting player ever to join a Brisbane club. Even Marconi players and coach Rale Rasic unanimously voted him man of the match.

Hermiston's club, Grange-Thistle, were relegated to Second Division this year and brought him out to lift them back to top status.

After his brilliant debut, Brisbane City and Lions both want him to make regular "guest" appearances on Sundays, after he plays with Grange-Thistle on Saturdays.

However, PSL rules don't permit it, and so if Grange-Thistle agree, Hermiston may play with City in the PSL.

City also hope to have him for some away matches.

"My aim this year is to help Thistle back into First Division," he says. "I'd love to play PSL as a guest but Thistle are my main concern."

Hermiston turned his back on professional soccer at the height of his career. He played 365 first team matches in the Scottish premier division with Aberdeen, the club he joined from school.

He won a Scottish Cup-winners' medal in 1970, captained Aberdeen from 1972-74, gained three Scottish under-23 caps, represented the Scottish League, was in Scotland's 1974 World Cup squad and was voted the Scottish FA's player of the year in 1973-74.

In 1974 he captained Aberdeen on their Australian tour. "When I got home, I felt disillusioned with football," he said.

"I play for enjoyment, and I lost my zest in the win-at-all-costs atmosphere."

So Hermiston quit abruptly and joined the Scottish police, where he has played for the last two years. He met the present Grange-Thistle team manager, George Pagan, in Brisbane in 1974, and kept in touch.

"George told me Thistle were fighting to get back to First Division this year," he said. "So here I am."

Smalltalk

The appointment of referees for all future Philips League matches will remain a closely guarded secret.

The Australian Soccer Referees' Federation in January requested — and last week repeated this request — that the identity of referees be kept from the clubs, the public and the Press.

Actually, the appointments have been made for many weeks in advance and submitted to the PSL office — but there they remain.

It's unlikely that this rule is hard and fast enough to escape a later review.

Like several other aspects of the new venture, this will be subject to change especially when the League decides that it can afford to fly neutral referees to all matches.

At present, all games are controlled by local referees. So far this has caused no problems.

But sooner or later you can expect that charges of home-town bias are levelled at referees once the competition picks up momentum and rivalry replaces today's festive spirit.

—oOo—

Soccer has always relied on men of action.

In the opening round of the Philips League, a curtain-raiser was played between Western Suburbs and St. George.

And twice, much to the consternation and then amusement of the spectators, a linesman ruled offside against — a ballboy.

This came about by the boys wearing an identical kit with Wests; not surprisingly, where a reflex decision is needed, the linesman's eyes didn't distinguish between players and ballboys.

When PSL chairman Alex Pongrass arrived, this hilarious episode was pointed out to him.

Not standing on his dignity, he went down to the touchline and within minutes arranged for the ballboys to change their jerseys.

—oOo—

Although it may be a trifle too late, the Philips League could still reconsider an earlier suggestion of mine, namely, that the 14 teams share the gate takings.

I am sure that several Sydney clubs would dearly like, that and Canberra would not be too strongly opposed either.

Predictably, the home sides in Adelaide and Brisbane will draw very well; a Sydney or Melbourne team's appearance will always mobilise the local fans.

Alas, the reverse may not be always true: the spoilt Sydney and Melbourne spectators may get less excited about the visit of teams from other States.

This, of course, will eventually lead to great disparities in revenues.

The solution may be to share both home and away match revenues, if not 50-50, then at least according to some arranged formula.

We may try to deny this as much as we like but the fact remains that the Philips League must be a financial proposition in all States, for all teams.

—oOo—

Philips boss Herman Huyer, who made the whole League possible, knows his business, knows his soccer — and has a sense of humor into the bargain.

At a recent reception he gave a unique explanation for his dislike of fishing.

"I hate waiting for anybody I have never met before."

— ANDREW DETTRE

PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE AUSTRALIA

SATURDAY, APRIL 16
MARCONI v. ST. GEORGE
Sportsground (S)
FITZROY v. MOOROOLBARK
Middle Park (M)

SUNDAY, APRIRL 17
BRISBANE CITY v. EAST. HAKOAH
Perry Park
FOOTSCRAY v. SOUTH MELBOURNE
Olympic Park
SYDNEY OLYMPIC v. WEST ADELAIDE
Wentworth Park
WESTERN SUBURBS v. BRISBANE LIONS
Sportsground
ADELAIDE CITY v. CANBERRA CITY
Olympic Field (A)

All Sydney matches start at 3 p.m.

NEXT WEEK:

SATURDAY, APRIL 23
South Melbourne v. Brisbane City — Middle Park (M)
St. George v. Adelaide City — Sportsground (S)
Canberra City v. West. Suburbs — Manuka Oval (C)

SUNDAY, APRIL 24
Eastern Suburbs v. Marconi — Wentworth Park (S)
Mooroolbark v. Footscray — Box Hill (M)
West Adelaide v. Fitzroy — Hindmarsh (A)
Brisbane Lions v. Olympic — Perry Park (B)

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PHILIPS LEAGUE SCORECARD

HAKOAH v. FOOTSCRAY

4 (1) 3 (1)

Hakoah: Clarke 3, Mullen 3, Barnes 4, O'Connor 3, Mowbray 3, Stevenson 3, **Muniz 5**, Lutton 3, Watson 3, Smith 3, Silva 3.

Footscray: Boland 3, Parrott 3, Kazi 3, Kriaris 4, Kondarios 3, Milne 4, Palinkas 4, Micic (46: Rujevic 4), Piciaone 3 (80: Adamgikis), Ilioski 3, **Ristovski 5.**

Goals: 0-1 Ristovski (14m), 1-1 (Muniz (19m, pen.), 2-1 Barnes (50m), 2-2 Kriaris (57m), 3-2 Smith (65m), 3-3 Ristovski (67m, pen.), 4-3 Lutton (89m).

Referee: T. Davies (NSW). — **Crowd:** 1500. — **Caution.** Mullen.

THAT BOY RISTOVSKI

Despite the swirling wind, these two polished teams put on a tremendously entertaining and exciting show which in the second half became a real thriller. Goalmouth action, near-misses, the woodwork grazed and some great goals deserved a lot bigger crowd. Footscray operated with breakaways and in the fast and clever Ristovski they had an admirable spearhead. Indeed, with two minutes to go, Ristovski ripped the Hakoah defence apart and laid on the winner for Palinkas — who missed. Less than a minute later Lutton, until then strangely quiet, took his chance to wrap it up. The seven goals may indicate that both defences had many lapses. Ilioski, sick before the match, failed to live up to his great pre-game build up — but in Ristovski we have a man Jimmy Shoulder must pencil in for his squad. There can be little doubt that both these teams will do extremely well in the League and Footscray should start its climb. — **Andrew Dettre**

MOOROOLBARK v. OLYMPIC

1 (1) 1 (1)

Mooroolbark: Wilding 2, Bailey 2, G. Ontong 2, Pongho 4, Ellis 3, Sinclair 2, Tront 3, Bojczuk 2 (72: P. Ontong), **Clarey 5**, McGregor 2, Irwin 2.

Olympic: Meier 2, Cullerton 2, Luckett 2, Gibson 4, Lynch 2, Senkalski 3, G. Allan 2, Cross 2, D. Allan 2 (64: Thamnidis), Botham 3, Parker 2.

Goals: 0-1 Botham (30m), 1-1 Tront (42m, pen.).

Referee: R. Henderson (Vic.). — **Crowd:** 2000. — **Cautions:** Nil.

DICY PENALTY SAVIOUR

Sydney Olympic had to share the points they so clearly felt in their pocket before the game. Actually both teams received too generous a reward in the point gained for the mediocre if not poor soccer they had produced at Middle Park. In the first 22 minutes Botham, then Parker had chances to score. For Mooroolbark it was Clarey who tried to build the attacks but he received scant support and was rather easily contained. Olympic's goal came when Don Allan's cross was headed home by Botham. The Mooroolbark equaliser followed a controversial penalty when Clarey was tripped inside the box. Some 18 minutes from the end Botham had one more chance to seal the game but shot over the bar from close range. On the whole, Mooroolbark were somewhat lucky to keep one of the points at home with a poor display. Olympic are beginning to jell into a team but will need to find a regular scorer. — **Con Nikolopoulos.**

WEST ADELAIDE v. WESTS

0 1 (1)

West Adelaide: Crook 3, Amos 3, Reynolds 4, McGachey 4, Vagianos 4, Pillans 3, Kosmina 4, Jones 4, **Honeyman 5**, McCulloch 3, **McGregor 5.**

Western Suburbs: T. Eaton 4, **Curran 5**, Noble 4, Wilson 4, Perry 3, Lindsay 3, Fryer 3 (60: Lowry), Stone 3, **Norris 5**, C. Eaton 4, **Harding 5.**

Goal: 0-1 Norris (45m).

Referee: D. Stanley (S.A.). — **Crowd:** 7,128. — **Cautions:** Fryer, Norris; Amos.

NORRIS GOAL DECIDER

Western Suburbs had to muster all their expertise to gain a narrow verdict over the enthusiastic West Adelaide. It was a superb cup tie-type of a contest, full of entertaining football from two finely tuned, athletic teams. A great goal by Graham Norris seconds before halftime, following Curran's overlap on the right, was just about the only difference between the teams. The cracking pace was almost unbelievably maintained for the full 90 minutes and it was an hour and a half of soccer the big crowd will long remember and cherish. Wilson and Curran both had to clear balls right on their lines to stop the aggressive Adelaide strikers. It was a tribute to the losers that goalie Eaton was much busier than his counterpart, young Martyn Crook. Coach Mike Johnson said he was pleased with his team's effort. "We need to improve our striking power and gain more composure in sticky situations," he said. — **Allan Crisp.**

MARCONI v. ADELAIDE CITY

0 4 (1)

Marconi: Maher 4, Jones 3, Degney 3, Robertson 3, Prskaljo 3, Selvage 3, Byrne 2 (55: Mariani), Campbell 3, Rooney 4, Carrizo 3 (46: Williams), Sharne 4.

Adelaide City: Romanowicz 4, Fraser 4 ((83: Di Bartolo), Yung 4, **Matic 5, Lister 5**, Melta 4, Leane 4, **Perin 5**, Northcote 3 (65: Bendall), **Nyskohus 5**, Marocchi 4.

Goals: 0-1 Leane (23m), 0 2 Nyskohus (53m), 0-3 Matic (58m), 0-4 Nyskohus (69m).

Referee: B. Jones (Newcastle). — **Crowd:** 3650. — **Cautions:** Campbell, Jones.

BOSSLEY PARK HARAKIRI

A depleted Marconi were literally torn apart at their dismal Philips League debut at Bossley Park. Hucker was sidelined with injury and Richards was dropped for disciplinary reasons. Adelaide City started quietly but having seen that they had the measure of their opponents, began to dictate terms. They spread well across the field, building their attacks with casual ease and eventually ran the hapless Marconi ragged. Perin in midfield has lost none of his guile and skill; possibly he is playing with greater maturity now than years ago for Australia. Captain and central defender Frank Lister organised his rearguard well while John Nyskohus also had a great show, bobbing up everywhere and capping a fine day with two wonderful goals. Adelaide City proved to be a top team by any standard: clever, able to create openings, running off the ball, all a credit to their coach Edmund Kreft.

— **Andy Henderson.**

BRISB. LIONS v. CANB. CITY

0 1 (0)

Brisbane Lions: Mackenzie 4, Wilson 3, **Potter 5**, Bennett 4, Niven 3, Walker 2, Fagan 3 (46: Harland), Laszlo 2 (46: Morris), Park 3, Neale 2, Hughes 2.

Canberra City: Haynes 5, Moulis 4, Brown (28: Willet 3), Black 4, Henderson 4, Boskov 2, Fernandez 3, Langone (23: Hogg 3), Salgado 3, Kawaleva 3, B. Stoddart 4.

Goal: 0-1 B. Stoddart (49m).

Referee: J. Wood. — **Crowd:** 4,500. — **Caution:** Henderson.

VIC AND HIS KEEN PUPS

Canberra City soaked up almost non-stop pressure to snatch a surprise win with Brian Stoddart's brilliantly taken goal. Lions attacked continuously but created hardly any real chances. And when they did, there was Canberra's new goalie Malcolm Haynes, frustrating the toothless lions in superb fashion. Adding to the merit of their win, Canberra were gravely handicapped through the absence, because of suspension, of Grucic and John Stoddart. However, their three teenagers, Moulis, Willett and Hogg, performed like veterans and so did a veritable star of yesteryear, Vic Fernandez, Canberra's assistant coach, forced to play, at 38, in his first match for years. Lions adopted strange tactics, using the lob into the goalmouth which either the tall Henderson or the brilliant Haynes dealt with. The standard of the match was somewhat disappointing and revealed that Canberra require a stronger midfield.

— **Alan Fouche.**

ST. GEORGE v. BRISB. CITY

3 (2) 2 (0)

St. George: Coe 3, Harris 3, J. O'Shea 4, Williams 3, R. O'Shea 4 (61: Morgan), Grosse 3 (48: Aitken), Echeverria 3, Jankovics 3, Hensman 3, Gnavi 4, O'Connor 3.

Brisbane City: Borzi 3, Rathmell 3, Nielsen 3, Tokesi 3, Herdle 3 (71: Lavalle), Hermiston 3, Connors 4 (58: Coyne), Pimblett 3, Gaffney 3, Johnston 4, Caldwell 3.

Goals: 1-0 Hensman (28m), 2-0 Jankovics (29m), 3-0 O'Connor (48m), 3-1 Herdle (68m), 3-2 Johnston (80m).

Referee: B. Fowler. — **Crowd:** 1,700. — **Cautions:** Johnston, Harris.

"GERMAN ROULETTE"

A huge gamble by Saints coach Schaefer in replacing two defenders with two strikers to seek more goals failed miserably and as a result Saints, who were so easily leading 3-0 ofter 48 mins., could have dropped a valuable point. Although not playing up to their best form, St. George, led brilliantly by Rudi Gnavi, looked set to walk over a City side suffering from a severe case of the "coutnry cousins" jitters. However, with the total disruption of the defence both Gnavi and Echeverria were forced to drop back, thus handing midfield on a platter to City. The Brisbane team attacked well in the second half, with Connors and then his replacement, Coyne, creating several good chances and taking two of them. It is interesting to note that all of Saints' goals came from dead ball plays; two form free kicks and the other a corner, showing a certain lack of flair in the attack to create chances from field play. — **Stephen Dettre.**

STH. MELBOURNE v. FITZROY

1 (0) 1 (0)

South Melbourne: Reilly 4, **Hagegmaniol 5**, Pye 3, Xanthopoulos 3, Kalafatidis 3, Rogers 3, Cummings 3, Gibson 2, French 2, **Ollerton 5**, Daperis 3 (81: Alexiou).

Fitzroy: Blasby 3, Nelson 3, Rakovalis 3, **Glykokalamos 5**, Provan 3, Bannon 3, Taylor 4, Campbell 2 (71: Salamidis), **O'Reilly 5**, Buljevic 3, Kokkinos 2 (46: Bouzikas).

Goals: 1-0 Cummings (55m), 1-1 Provan (88m).

Referee: C. Beveredge. — **Crowd:** 10,000. — **Caution:** Daperis.

10,000 COLD DINNERS

The traditional "Greek derby", an even battle, compensated 10,000 loyal fans for abandoning their Easter Sunday roast. However, with both teams playing defensively, the quality of soccer was only average except for a few clever attacks by South Melbourne. Chances were created by both sides sufficiently to increase the score to a prolific level. Andrew Bouzikas is now the "fall guy" of Fitzroy, having shot over the bar from two metres and for Hellas French repeated the trick when he missed an open goal, South Melbourne scored after a great move: Ollerton's pass found French on the wing and his sharp cross was volleyed home by the unmarked Cummings. Provan became the Fitzroy hero when, with two minutes remaining, he smashed a low drive into the net among the maze of legs. And so ended the greatest Greek battle since Marathon, with no winner and no vanquished. — **Con Nikolopoulos.**

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club patrol

— By STEPHEN DETTRE (406-4551) —

Manly officials are staggered by the amount of goods being donated to the club for the AUCTION SALE to be held at Cromer Park on April 16. Apart from two cars, a motor bike and numerous TV sets, there is also a pool table and several fridges up for auction.

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Wests received a curious letter last week from a player in the Hong Kong national team, asking if they would be interested in his services this year. Unfortunately for Wests they have already spent quite a deal on new signings, but are passing on his "offer" to other clubs. The player, PETER CHANG, was here when Hong Kong toured Australia, and asks only for "a return air fare to Hong Kong and a bit of spending money each week." Interested clubs should contact Wests for details.

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APIA are staging another drive for members, and this year you can join the club for only $15. This cost entitles you not only to club facilities but also to a reserved seat in the Lambert Park grandstand for all APIA's home matches. Membership can be obtained from the APIA club or at the ground.

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It seems likely that ex-Wollongong City 'keeper FABIO FABRIANESI will finally be transferred to Marconi. Fabio has been training with Marconi since the start of '77, and would be a valuable back-up for ALAN MAHER.

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Manly have regained the services of two players who were out for a month or so due to varying reasons. CLIFF POINTER returned to Sydney after some time in England where he attended the funeral of his father who passed away last month, whilst PINO PALAMARA has resumed training after his appendix operation.

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Although nothing is definite yet, it looks as though DAVE KEDDIE, Marconi's star striker who has told the club he cannot train five nights a week, may move to Wollongong City, as the South Coast club have shown great interest in him recently.

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The raw deal for soccer goes on. Last week on Saturday afternoon there were 10 radio stations broadcasting on MW which could be easily picked up, ranging from 2JJ and 2SM to 2GB and 2FC. Of these exactly half were giving live broadcasts of the ONE Rugby League match with nary a mention of soccer, just racing.

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APIA officials are hoping for big things from young DAVID JACK, son of Sydney soccer writer and grandson of a famous English soccer star. APIA feel that now David has settled in and regained his confidence after a series of annoying injuries he could prove to be the best striker in Sydney.

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Wollongong hope to be the pacemakers in the Rothmans State League, and they are going about it the right way. Already they are the first State League team to get a sizeable sponsorship, from Hitachi, and they have streamlined their outfit to one that is similar to . . . . Holland's.

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University of New South Wales club, who will be a threat in this year's Third Division competition, have appointed ANDREW FIELD as club president. TONY RIDINGS is secretary, HARRY ADAMS treasurer, and KEN ROOTSEY, brother of former Prague and Yugal-Prague defender Ray Rootsey is club captain.

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The Tottenham trio of Pat Jennings, Steve Perryman and John Pratt are available for any Philips League club for the month of June.

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Mooroolbark gained a bit of fire power last week when GORDON McGREGOR joined the team on a one year loan from St. George of Sydney. Manfred Schaefer explained that the Saints' squad was already very large and Gordon may have had to wait a few weeks to get a first team spot. This was not to the liking of the big Scottish striker so an agreement was made for his transfer to the 'Barkers.

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Wollongong City are pleased that HUGH TINNEY decided to re-sign with the club after his contract expired in 1976.

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The Philips League missed a great promotional trick when they failed to publicise the fact that brilliant British comedian DICK EMERY would appear at the St. George v. Brisbane City match. His pre-game routine, according to cynical observers, was the highlight of an ordinary afternoon.

SCHOOLS

The main primary schools competitions are to receive a tremendous boost this season.

The Umbro Cup competition to find the premier school has its biggest ever entry, which exceeds 120 schools.

In addition, schools soccer official Richard Lorenc expects to finalise arrangements for leading schools teams to play early fixtures to Tasman Cup night games.

Lorenc, who refereed the NSW Federation grand final last season, doubles up as sportsmaster at Thornleigh West school as well as North Sydney zone convenor and State team manager.

Last season Panania took the Umbro Cup with a 3-1 win over Cardiff South.

A number of leading referees have made themselves available to control midweek interschool games, which has contributed greatly to improving the standard of play.

This year Brian Pollard is State coach and convenor.

— K.G.

SECOND DIVISION

Federation scene

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Melita Eagles against Polonia at Ashley Brown Park and Toongabbie against Belmore at Girraween are the pick of the third round matches this weekend.

Brief reports from last weekend's matches:

Guildford v. Queens Park 3-4

A second half fight-back by Queens Park helped to overcome an early two-goal deficit.

In a see-sawing match, the Wanderers raced ahead early with two goals by John Sheaves.

However, goals by Thorpe, Hansen and two by Hammond — the last five minutes from the end — gave Queens Park their first points on the board.

Ku-ring-gai v. Toongabbie 3-4

A goal in the first minute from a freekick by Ku-ring-gai gave 'Gabbie quite a shock and it took 35 minutes for Ross Brown to get the equaliser.

Toongabbie went to lead 2-1 at halftime with a goal by Jim Magill.

Magill scored another goal and Larry Armytage opened his account for the season for the final result of 3-4.

Melita Eagles v. Revesby Workers 8-2

Melita Eagles twice came from behind to equalise before they tore Revesby apart to win 8-2 at Mona Park.

About 500 people saw Revesby score early and soon after fullback McPherson had equalised they took the lead again, but McPherson again put the teams on level terms.

The Eagles led 4-2 at the break and scored another four goals without reply in the second half which included two penalties.

Warringah Saints v. Polonia 2-1

Warringah dictated most of play and only bad finishing prevented them from winning by a much bigger score.

After a scoreless first half Ross White opened the score to give Saints the lead and within five minutes Mick Trotter made it 2-0.

NS-Inter v. Gladesville-Hornsby 1-0

A goal by Pedro Menendez 20 minutes in the first half gave Inter the two points which they quite deserve.

Inter could have made it 2-0 but Stewart shot wide from the penalty spot.

Your contact

With news, reports etc. concerning all clubs in Divisions 2 to 7, club officials should contact Charles Spiteri, on 635-7453.

DRAWS

Third Division

Sat. Nepean v. West Ryde — Cook Pk. **Sun.:** Gladesville v. Lethbridge Park, Peel Pk.; Yagoona v. Riverstone, O'Neill Pk.; Campbelltown v. Pr. Hacking, Rangers Rd.; Bondi v. Wenty, Coral Sea; Blacktown v. Uni of NSW, Francis Park.

Fourth Division

Sat.: Lane Cove v. Artarmon, Pottery Green; Padstow Pk. v. Greenwich, Soccer Centre. **Sun.:** Bathurst v. Chelsea, Bathurst; Sydney Uni v. Ryde, St. Johns Oval; N. Bankstown v. Holroyd, Potts Pk.; Baulkham Hills v. Dee Why, Horwood Res.

Fifth Division

Sat.: Concordia v. Eastwood, Mahoney Oval; Maroubra v. Hurstville, Coral Sea. **Sun.:** St. George v. Fairfield, Evatt Pk.; Revesby v. Kingsford, Amour Pk., Auburn v. Ashcroft, Progress Pk.; North Rocks v. Belfield RSL, Murray Farm.

Sixth Division

Sat.: N. Ryde v. Paddington, North Ryde; Haberfield v. Camden, Ponderosa Pk.; Bonnyrigg v. Macquarie Uni, St. Johns Pk. **Sun.:** Green Valley v. Southern Dists., Blanfield Pk.; Prospect v. Canley Hts., Smithfield Pk.

Seventh Division

Sat.: Liverpool v. Lakemba, Childs Pk. **Sun.:** Pagewood v. Emu Plains, Jellicoe Pk.; Greystanes v. Normanhurst, Bathurst St.; Moorebank v. South Sydney, Hammondville; Fairfield West v. Hawkesbury, Endeavour Res.

State League

SECOND GRADE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sutherland	2	—	—	6	1	4
Croatia	2	—	—	4	—	4
Bankstown	2	—	—	4	1	4
Hellas	1	—	1	4	2	2
APIA	1	—	1	4	3	2
Manly	—	2	—	2	2	2
Auburn	1	—	1	2	2	2
Arncliffe	1	—	1	4	5	2
Granville	—	1	1	2	3	1
Yugal	—	1	1	2	4	1
Avala	—	—	2	1	6	—
Wollongong	—	—	2	—	6	—

THIRD GRADE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sutherland	1	1	—	6	2	3
Hellas	1	1	—	3	1	3
Granville	1	1	—	3	1	3
Auburn	1	1	—	2	1	3
Arncliffe	1	1	—	4	3	3
APIA	1	—	1	7	5	2
Bankstown	1	—	1	3	2	2
Croatia	1	—	1	3	5	2
Avala	—	1	1	1	2	1
Granville	—	1	1	1	3	1
Yugal	—	1	1	2	4	1
Wollongong	—	—	2	1	7	—

SECOND GRADE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Melita E.	2	—	—	4	1	4
Belmore	1	1	—	3	—	3
NS-Inter	1	1	—	3	1	3
Guildford	1	1	—	4	2	3
Ku-ring-gai	1	1	—	4	2	3
Toongabbie	—	2	—	1	1	2
Glad.-Hornsby	—	2	—	2	2	2
Queens Park	1	—	1	3	3	2
Warringah	1	—	1	2	3	2
Polonia	—	—	2	1	4	—
Revesby Wrks	—	—	2	1	4	—
Marrickville	—	—	2	2	6	—

THIRD GRADE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ku-ring-gai	2	—	—	8	—	4
Belmore	2	—	—	6	2	4
Guildford	1	1	—	5	3	3
Warringah	1	1	—	6	4	3
Polonia	1	1	—	4	2	3
Glad.-Hornsby	1	—	1	6	3	2
Revesby Wrks	1	—	1	4	2	2
Queens Park	1	—	1	3	3	2
Toongabbie	—	1	1	2	5	1
Melita E.	—	—	2	2	8	—
NS-Inter	—	—	2	1	7	—
Marrickville	—	—	2	1	9	—

SECOND DIVISION

FIRST GRADE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Melita E.	2	—	—	9	2	4
Toongabbie	2	—	—	7	4	4
Belmore	1	1	—	7	4	3
NS-Inter	1	1	—	3	2	3
Warringah	1	—	1	2	2	2
Queens Park	1	—	1	4	5	2
Revesby Wrks	1	—	1	4	8	2
Glad.-Hornsby	—	1	1	3	4	1
Ku-ring-gai	—	1	1	5	6	1
Polonia	—	1	1	3	4	1
Marrickville	—	1	1	3	6	1
Guildford	—	—	2	4	7	—

THIRD DIVISION

FIRST GRADE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Blacktown	2	—	—	10	2	4
Uni. of NSW	2	—	—	7	—	4
Bondi Marines	2	—	—	9	3	4
Campbelltown	2	—	—	5	1	4
Gladesville	1	1	—	2	1	3
Port Hacking	1	—	1	9	7	2
Nepean-Corinth	1	—	1	3	7	2
Yagoona	—	1	1	2	7	1
Riverstone	—	—	2	—	4	—
Lethbridge	—	—	2	1	5	—
W. Waratahs	—	—	2	1	5	—
West Ryde	—	—	2	1	8	—

STATE LEAGUE TABLE

	Aggregate						Home						Away					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A
1. Manly	2	2	—	—	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	4	1
2. APIA	2	2	—	—	5	3	1	1	—	—	2	1	1	1	—	—	3	2
3. Bankstown	2	1	1	—	7	1	3	1	—	—	6	—	1	—	1	—	1	1
4. Wollongong	2	1	1	—	7	4	3	1	—	—	5	2	1	—	1	—	2	2
5. Croatia	2	1	—	1	5	3	2	1	—	—	4	1	1	—	—	1	1	2
6. Auburn	2	—	2	—	4	4	2	1	—	1	1	1	1	—	1	—	3	3
7. Sutherland	2	—	2	—	3	3	2	1	—	1	2	2	1	—	1	—	1	1
8. Arncliffe	2	—	1	1	3	4	1	2	—	1	1	3	4	1	—	—	—	—
9. Granville	2	—	1	1	2	3	1	1	—	—	1	1	2	—	1	—	1	1
10. Hellas	2	—	1	1	5	8	1	1	—	1	3	3	1	1	—	—	1	2
11. Avala	2	—	1	1	2	5	1	1	—	1	1	1	1	1	—	—	1	1
12. Yugal	2	—	—	2	—	8	—	1	—	—	1	—	2	—	1	—	1	—

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ROTHMANS LEAGUE

APIA COULD JUMP TO TOP OF TREE

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

APIA could head the State League after the weekend's Round Three, if they can take hold of themselves after almost falling to the reinforced Arncliffe Scots last Monday.

Both John Doyle and David Jack of APIA have found their shooting boots. Opponent Granville, on the other hand, lack a man or two who can finish off with deadly accuracy.

Last week attendances of an aggregate 8,000 were boosted by the Marks Field Croatia v. Avala turnout, supplemented by good figures at both Seymour Shaw and Arlington.

Wollongong v. Croatia

The City are hot on the trail of a reliable striker, and if their hopes are realised then Croatia's World Cup man Atti Abonyi will be called upon for another big effort to help his team creep up the table.

Wollongong last week re-enlisted the services of Hugh Tinney, and his presence has added a lot of direction to a mainly young team.

Avala v. Arncliffe

Avala are playing well below their potential and if this continues on Sunday then Arncliffe could score an upset win.

Stewart Gilmour, one time reserve team player with Glasgow Celtic and in the Hong Kong First Division, will give Arncliffe a lot more power in the midfield.

APIA v. Granville

APIA have more power in the forwards and will be a particularly hard nut for Granville to crack at Lambert Park.

Neither side is playing quite up to their potential at the moment, but APIA at least have been on target, whereas the Granville strikers are going close without netting, the only exception being the improved winger, Phil Johns.

Manly v. Bankstown

Manly are in top position with Bankstown third, and Bankstown had a highly convincing win against Yugal last week.

Bankstown will have to contend with the lightning reflexes of remarkable 20-year-old goalkeeper Chris Cassetteri, but their all-round strength could lead to an upset win.

Auburn v. Sutherland

These teams have had similar records in the two games to date, with Sutherland making the openings but not finishing and Auburn fighting to gain top form.

It is very hard to select a winner even though Auburn are more mature over the board, and another draw could be the result.

Yugal v. Hellas

New signings, Greek international Zaharias Likourinos and Dimitrios Markopoulos will have settled more into the scheme of things for Hellas, and Yugal will have to suddenly find touch or face another defeat.

Replacement Billy Angelopoulos has showed out well and it would not surprise if coach Walter Tamandl rewarded him with a first-up place in the Hellas line-up.

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MANLY v. GRANVILLE 2-1 (1-1)

Granville coach Mal O'Neill read the riot act to his players at halftime, and galvanised them into action for a second half that was greatly superior to the first. However, he did not have any effect on Manly goalkeeper Chris Cassetteri, whose positioning, handling and punching kept the Granville forwards at bay until Ken Mallam scored with a placement for Manly with only three minutes remaining. Billy Hutchison climbed high to head in Mickey Minor's corner in the 10th minute, but Phil Johns had a stroke of luck in scoring from the penalty spot for Granville. He missed by the proverbial mile when taking the shot before receiving the referee's signal, and the retake hit the underside of the bar and went in. — **KEITH GILMOUR.**

Granville: Watson, Selfridge, Bigland, Gray, Barton, Forwood Johns, Coleman, Milne Fraser, Borwick (29: Barker). **Coach:** M. O'Neill.

Manly: Cassetteri, Geoghan, Hutchinson, Hoy, Doyle, Roozendaal, Reilly, Geekie, Minor (80: Bailey), Pollard, Mallam. **Coach:** R. Hoy.

Goals: 1-0 Hutchison (10m), 1-1 Johns (27m), 2-1 Mallam (87m). **Referee:** O. Pritchard. **Crowd:** 453.

BANKST'N v. YUGAL 6-0 (2-0)

Bankstown maintained tremendous pressure throughout the match to completely outclass Yugal. They scored first through John Hargreaves, and followed on with another goal from George Butler, who finished up with a well taken hat trick. Yugal showed some life early in the second half, but they fell away when neither Bill Lupeski nor Branko Karanfilovski could put the ball past Bankstown goalkeeper Peter Freeman. They even had a goal served on a plate by the Bankstown defence, but it was missed. From the 65th minute Bankstown scored four more in a 20 minute stretch, a fair commentary on the game. On the day it was a fine Bankstown team, in which no weakness could be detected. — **EINAR PERSEN.**

Bankstown: Freeman, Lembryk (88: Usher), Edmonds, Hargreaves, Sheldrick, Williams, Farrell, Butler, Peck, Beater (80: Trusty), Daley. **Coach:** R. Bamforth.

Yugal: Mandrides, Franic, S. Trkulja, Zaknic, Z. Trkulja, Radivojevic, Liha (46: Serdarevic), Budzevski (55: J. Alagich), Lupeski, M. Alagich, Karanfilovski. **Coach:** J. Alagich.

Goals: 1-0 Hargreaves (17m), 2-0 Butler (28m), 3-0 Butler (65m), 4-0 Daley (74m), 5-0 Farrell (80m), 6-0 Butler (84m). **Referee:** P. Rampley. **Crowd:** 498.

HELLAS v. AUBURN 3-3 (0-1)

Hellas came from behind in the second half after Billy Angelopoulos substituted for Katholis and showed the forwards where the goal was. The two imports, Zaharias Likouriinos and Dimitrios Markopoulos, also sparked after halftime and gave the crowd plenty to shout about. The climax came in the very last minute when Peter Balafas was brought down in the area and Alan Hignett made no mistake with an equalising penalty kick. Earlier Pat Deller had set the pace for Auburn by scoring twice, so the result was a fair one. Best for Auburn were Pat Deller — although he did give away a penalty — Terry Jones and Kevin Dobson.

— **GORDON RITCHIE**

Hellas: Vlotis, Brown, Kable, Likourinos, Hignett, Zeros, Markopoulos, Katholis (Angelopoulos), Thompson, Muscovits, Balafas. **Coach:** W. Tamandl.

Auburn: Hoszowski, Sidey, Gibson, Dobson, McMillan, Fairclough, Deller, Bertram, Jones, Cornet, Tracey. **Coach:** J. Marston.

Goals: 0-1 Deller, 0-2 Dobson, 1-2 Angelopoulos, 1-3 Deller, 2-3 Zeros, 3-3 Hignett (pen.). **Referee:** A. McKenzie. **Crowd:** 1350.

SUTHERL'D v. WOLL. 2-2 (1-1)

Sutherland's age-old problem of creating chances and failing to put the ball in the back of the net cost them one point in this match. They dominated most of the game, but were kept at bay by the brilliance of Campbell, Terziovski and Tinney. Wollongong sprang a second half surprise when first they equalised and then Campbell scored from inside his own half, a shot which must have flown for fully an incredible 65 metres. Sutherland were so stunned that it took them almost to the end to notch a well deserved equaliser. Any striker should be welcomed with open arms at Seymour Shaw Park, because while they are playing good football, the young players are still short of experience. — **ROGER DEWICK.**

Sutherland: Corry, R. Griffiths (80: Hesford), Schuman, Watkiss, Wykes, McDonald, Hall (83: Morgan), Basterfield, Smith, Lavin, Harrington. **Coach:** J. Watkiss.

Wollongong: Terziovski, Midgley, Thompson, Tinney, Campbell, Williams, Perkins, Johnston, Beggs, Quinn (72: Koledinic), Morlando. **Coach:** K. Perkins.

Goals: 1-0 Lavin (36m), 1-1 Beggs (51m), 1-2 Campbell (62m), 2-2 Smith (86m). **Referee:** R. Lorenc. **Crowd:** 1435.

APIA v. ARNCLIFFE 3-2 (3-1)

Newly promoted Arncliffe Scots made APIA fight all the way for their points and were unlucky not to snatch an equaliser in the 89th minute, when a header from Stevenson hit the underside of the crossbar and bounced out. The APIA players in the second half played as if they had had too much of the Easter spirit, and they almost gave the game away. The feature of the match was Doyle's brilliant second goal — he chested down a ball supplied by Morsello and hit in a tremendous volley from 16 metres. The game was full of freekicks, and three cautions were issued by referee Brian Fowler, who handled the game particularly well. — **BILL VROLYKS.**

APIA: Fraser, Jenkins, Bakaric (80: Matherson), Jackson, Pullen, Doyle, Jack, Goose, McCormack, Morsello, O'Rourke (60: Mitchell). **Coach:** F. Bottalico.

Arncliffe: Rogers, Doran, Smart, R. Stone, Butcher, Gilmour, Crane, Bankhead, Piggott, Morgan (46: Robertson), Stevenson. **Coach:** J. Gallagher.

Goals: 1-0 Doyle (11m), 1-1 Stevenson (21m), 2-1 Doyle (27m), 3-1 Jack (32m), 3-2 Piggott, pen. (75m). **Referee:** B. Fowler. **Crowd:** 480.

CROATIA v. AVALA 4-1 (2-0)

Atti Abonyi brought sparkle and excitement to a rather pedestrian affair with a magnificent hat-trick, later crowned by a well taken penalty. The big crowd saw Ampol Cup winner Avala fold under the Croatian onslought, without even the semblance of worthwhile resistance. With Abonyi acting as the executioner and Nick Fenoughty one of the leading architects with his constant probes of the visitor's defence, Croatia could have easily doubled the score with just a little more effort. The wise decision of keeping rival supporters on opposite sides of the field avoided a recurrence of the very unpleasant scenes that marred their previous "clash" in the Ampol Cup. — **PETER SCOTT.**

Croatia: D. Smith, Russell, Wignall, Hadley, G. Smith, McDonald, Darvill, Davies, Abonyi, Fenoughty, Sullivan (75: Kovacic). **Coach:** L. Fabijanic.

Avala: Ahrens, Spilarewicz, Doran, Duarte (67: Basic), Hardy, Skoric, Krezja, Morrow, Mihajlovic, Milovanovic, Griffiths. **Coach:** S. Dacevski.

Goals: Abonyi (40, 42, 53, 73 m (pen.)), Doran 80m. **Referee:** T. Boskovic. **Crowd:** 4,127.

OFFICIAL PROGRAM OF NSW FEDERATION

THIS WEEK

Saturday, April 16

SECOND DIVISION

Marrickville v. North Sydney — Mackey Park
Queens Park v. Kuringai — Erskineville

Sunday, April 17

ROTHMANS STATE LEAGUE

Wollongong v. Croatia — Berkeley
Avala v. Arncliffe — Soccer Centre
APIA v. Granville — Lambert Park
Manly v. Bankstown — Cromer Park
Auburn v. Sutherland — Mona Park
Yugal v. Hellas — Marks Field

SECOND DIVISION

Gladesville v. Warringah — Englefield
Polonia v. Melita — Ashley Brown No. 2
Revesby v. Guildford — Milperra
Toongabbie v. Belmore — Girraween

— All matches start at 3 p.m., 1.15 p.m., 11.30 a.m: —

NEXT WEEK

Saturday, April 23

Arncliffe v. Wollongong — Hurstville Oval
Hellas v. Manly — Arlington Oval
Belmore v. Queens Park — Blick Oval

Sunday, April 24

Croatia v. Auburn — Marks Field
APIA v. Avala — Lambert Park
Sutherland v. Yugal — Seymour Shaw
Granville v. Bankstown — Garside Park
North Sydney v. Toongabbie — North Sydney
Warringah v. Marrickville — Graham Reserve
Polonia v. Gladesville — To be advised
Kuringai v. Revesby — Parklands
Melita v. Guildford — Mona Park

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Last week's results

STATE LEAGUE

Hellas v. Auburn	3-3	1-2	1-1
S'land v. W'gong	2-2	3-0	5-1
B'town v. Yugal	6-0	3-1	3-1
Granville v. Manly	1-2	1-1	2-0
Croatia v. Avala	4-1	3-0	1-0
Arncliffe v. APIA	2-3	2-4	3-2

SECOND DIVISION
(All Grades)

Belmore v. M'ville	4-1	2-0	4-1
NS-Inter v. Gl.-H'by	1-0	1-1	1-5
W. Saints v. Polonia	2-1	2-1	2-2
Ku'gai v. T'gabbie	3-4	0-0	3-0
G'ford v. Q. Pk.	3-4	3-1	3-1
Melita v. Rev. W.	8-2	2-1	0-4

THIRD DIVISION
(All Grades)

R'stone v. Gl. R.	0-1	1-0	1-1
L'bridge v. C'town	1-2	2-2	0-2
Yagoona v. Black'n	1-6	2-0	1-0
Wenty v. Nepean	1-2	1-4	1-1
W. Ryde v. U. NSW	0-4	2-2	1-1
P. Hack. v. Bondi	3-6	3-1	3-0

FOURTH DIVISION
(All Grades)

Artarmon v. Syd. Uni.	0-2	2-1	
Ryde Dist. v. N. Banks'n	1-0	2-4	
Chelsea v. Lane Cove	0-3	2-1	
Bathurst v. Baulk. H.	6-1	0-1	
Holroyd v. Padstow Pk.	2-3	0-2	
Greenwich v. Dee Why	2-4	1-0	

FIFTH DIVISION
(All Grades)

Kingsford v. W. St. Geo.	5-2	3-2	
Revesby R. v. N. Rocks	4-1	0-7	
Fairfield v. Auburn Jrs.	4-0	0-1	
Ashcroft v. Concordia	2-1	3-0	
Eastwood v. Maroubra	1-1	1-4	
Hurstville v. Belfield RSL	—	1-2	

SIXTH DIVISION
(All Grades)

North Ryde v. Prospect	5-1	3-0	
W. Holroyd v. Bonnyrigg	1-3	1-3	
Camden v. Haberfield	—	—	
Macq. U. v. Green V.	4-0	4-0	
Sth. Dists. v. Canley H.	0-3	2-2	

SEVENTH DIVISION
(All Grades)

Pagew'd v. Fairfield W.	1-4	3-5	
Eastern Ck. v. Greystanes	4-0	1-1	
Normanh'st v. L'pool	2-7	1-2	
Lakemba v. Moorebank	1-3	1-5	
S. Syd. v. Hawkesbury	3-1	2-2	

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Liverpool in Euro Cup final

Liverpool are now certain to play in this year's European Champions' Cup final.

In the first leg of their semifinal match in Zurich, Liverpool, through goals by Neal (2) and Heighway, beat FC Zurich 3-1 and it's almost impossible to imagine that they would lose this enormous advantage in the return match on April 20.

In the other semifinal in Kiev, in front of 100,000 fans, Dynamo Kiev beat West Germany's Borussia Monchengladbach 1-0 by Onichenko's goal.

It may be recalled that in the quarterfinals Bayern Munchen lost 0-2 in Kiev so the Gladbachers have done somewhat better — but perhaps not well enough.

Because away goals count double, Gladbach must now win at home by two goals; a simple 2-1, 3-2 etc. would not be sufficient.

In the Cupwinners' Cup and UEFA Cup semifinals the Latin teams did remarkably well.

In Naples Napoli's 1-0 win over Anderlecht was a surprise — but may not be enough for the return leg especially if Anderlecht's Dutch ace Robby Rensenbrink is in his element.

Atletico Madrid's 3-1 win over Hamburg is impressive. However, a 2-0 Hamburg win in the return match would put the Germans into the final — and they are capable of this in their spacious Volksparkstadion.

Molenbeek's home draw against Bilbao of Spain looks too slim but the 4-1 Juventus victory over the Greek AEK is more impressive . . .

. . . until you recall that AEK pegged back a three-goal deficit in the quarterfinals against QPR and could do the trick with a 3-0.

The return matches will be played in all three Cups on April 20.

Last week's results:

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS' CUP

In Kiev: Dinamo-Kiev 1, Borussia Monchengladbach 0.

In Zurich: FC Zurich (Switzerland) 1, Liverpool (England) 3.

UEFA CUP

In Brussels: RWD Molenbeek 1, Atletico Bilbao 1.
In Turin: Juventus 4, AEK Athens 1.

CUP WINNERS CUP

In Naples: Napoli 1, Anderlecht 0.
In Madrid: Atletico Madrid 3, Hamburg (West Germany) 1.

WIFE NO FAN

Former West German manager Sepp Herberger has recently celebrated his 80th birthday. In a special interview he told a reporter of "Stern" that his wife, Frau Ev, had never seen a football match in her life. In fact, she expressed a view only once on the topic: the 1958 World Cup when Juskowiak was sent off, she sent a cable to her husband: "Don't be too tough on him... love Ev..."

TAX — ITALIAN STYLE

Neapolitan mores have not changed much over the centuries. Two of the club's presidents, a former one, shipping magnate Lauro and the current one, Ferlaino, are facing court charges over massive tax evasions. Lauro admitted an income of 138 million liras in 1973 instead of 750 million liras, Ferlaino claimed 5 million as income instead of the actual 99 million. How do you say "oversight" in Italian?

THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE

DON'S BIG DREAM

Leeds United have made it known that they would welcome back Don Revie, if he quit his job as England manager. However, Revie is not a quitter. "I want to see out my contract", he said in London last week "I still believe we can not only qualify for the finals in 1978 but actually win the World Cup. Sure, we've had some poor results but in November we'll beat Italy at Wembley, then annihilate Luxembourg. The Italians scored only four goals against Luxembourg and they'll regret their prudence". Brave talk, Donald.

WEMBLEY BLASTED

Kevin Keegan suggested recently in an article that England should play its important World Cup match against Italy in Manchester or Liverpool instead of Wembley where the atmosphere is always cool and where the crowd is too far from the playing area.

EARN THAT BONUS

Jurgen Friedrich, the West German Kaserslautern's 33-year-old president has told his players that in future the size of match bonus after wins and draws will be also influenced by the team's performance, the class of opposition — and the crowd attendance

LIFE IN THE COUNTRY

The Europe-wide phenomenon, namely, that soccer's popularity is shifting from the capitals to the provincial cities has almost caught Hungary. Recently, Budapest clubs Honved Vasas and Csepel attracted crowds of 4,000, 5,000 and 4,000 respectively while the country cities and towns of Kaposvar, Szeged and Zalaegerszeg had 20,000, 11,000 and 10,000. The same trends can be observed in Austria, Czechoslovakia, France, Italy, Poland, etc.

IRAN'S GREAT DRAW

In a tournament to celebrate Real Madrid's 75th anniversary the big sensation was Iran's 1-1 draw with Argentina — so Jimmy Shoulder beware. Argentina went ahead with a goal by Bertoni, from a penalty but Iran equalised through a brilliant effort by Jahany. Eventually the Argentinians won the match with penalties and met Real in the final, losing 1-0.

HUNGARY'S ORDEAL

Hungary is facing a three-tier test in the coming weeks. This week (April 13) they play Poland in Budapest and next week Wednesday, also in Budapest, face the European champions Czechoslovakia. But the big match is on April 30, again in Budapest when they meet the USSR in a World Cup elimination match. Only a win would keep the Hungarians in the race and their prospects are not the best, following the poor form of key players such as Ebedli, Nyilasi, Kereki, Pusztai and others.

SOCCER DIPLOMACY

The New York Cosmos has been invited to play some matches in Cuba. This would be the first time since the attempted Bay of Pigs invasion by US troops that a direct sporting contact would be established between the two countries. In fact, soccer could well bring about the same diplomatic success there that table tennis did in China.

Neutral venue for series

The winners of the three South American World Cup groups are now trying to find a mutually suitable venue for their tournament.

Brazil, Peru and Bolivia must play a double round-robin before the end of July; the first two automatically qualify for next year's finals, the third will play off against the winner of the Hungary-USSR-Greece group.

The rules stipulate a neutral venue — unless the teams agree on something else.

Bolivia, obligingly, has already volunteered to be the host while the Brazilians have offered $50,000 to the other two teams if they accept Rio's Maracana.

Bolivia's bid is not taken very seriously: nobody likes to play in La Paz, which is some 4,000 metres above sea level.

However, Rio's "hospitality" is also likely to be declined and so the three teams may play off in Argentina.

South American experts claim that Brazil is hot favorite to win the tournament, now that new coach Coutinho has managed to quickly rebuild the side.

Peru is also regarded as a formidable opponent but Bolivia's qualification is attributed to the unique conditions in La Paz and experts give them little chance in the series.

Austrian ref. bribe suspect?

Wilhelm Neudecker, Bayern Munchen's aggressive president, has created a major stir by accusing Austrian referee Linemayr of having been bribed before the recent European Cup match against Kiev.

Neudecker claims that Linemayr and his family have been promised a summer vacation in Sochi.

Why that sounds more appealing to an Austrian than spending a few weeks at the charming Worthersee, in nearby Tyrol or elsewhere in his picturesque homeland is not explained by the Bavarian "diplomat."

"It's well known how they look after referees in the Soviet Union," Neudecker declared with irony.

Neudecker's charges are based on the fact that Linemayr awarded two penalties against Bayern in Kiev; the first was saved by Maier, the second knocked Bayern out of the Cup.

Neudecker's suspicion is partly based on the recent scandal involving the Yugoslav referee Tesanic who, after controlling an Inter Milan Euro-Cup match, spent a holiday in Italy at Inter's expenses — and was suspended for life.

● **Pele paid a visit to Jimmy Carter in the White House, presented him with a jersey carrying the famous No. 10 and invited him to his last match on October 1. Carter has accepted the invitation.**

● After a long spell in the doldrums — and also in officialdom's periodic disgrace — the brilliant Polish goalie Tomaszewski is again in top form.

● **Jupp Derwall has been offered the post of national team manager by Switzerland. However, the assistant West German coach is unlikely to accept as he is handpicked to succeed Helmut Schon after next year's World Cup finals.**

● One person died and 15 got injured at last week's Hamburg v. Bayern match in the packed Hamburg stadium when part of the crowd started to roll forward.

● **Ray Wilson, the brilliant West Bromwich full-back, has decided to retire at 29, after six knee operations in the last three years. He will become the manager of an industrial enterprise in the Midlands.**

● **What's the difference between soccer experts and economists, asked a London newspaper columnist? Nothing at all: both can explain with perfect logic why it did not eventuate what earlier they had predicted with absolute certainty . . .**

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